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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17 and 19-40 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Independent claims 1 and 19 recite the unique feature of controlling the transceiver, after synchronization, to transmit synchronization data at intervals that are longer than intervals between the transmitted interrogation data in the acquisition mode. The closest prior art does not disclose or suggest this feature.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record

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